

## TWO PLANTS BURNED

Stove Works and Machine Screw Works Destroyed at Cleveland.

## FATAL FIRE AT A BOARDING HOUSE.

Four Lives Lost and Six People Injured at Memphis—Four More Bodies Found in Windsor Hotel Ruins—A Destructive Prairie Fire.

Cleveland, O., March 25.—Fire broke out early yesterday in the jannaping department of the big Dangler Stove and Manufacturing company's plant on Perkins avenue and, notwithstanding the enormous quantity of water poured into the building by 15 engines, the structure, filled with valuable machinery and large quantities of manufactured goods, was practically destroyed. The high wind which prevailed caused the fire to spread to the plant of the Cleveland Machine Screw company, adjoining the Dangler works, and it was also destroyed. The loss on the Dangler works is conservatively estimated at \$300,000 and on the Cleveland Machine Screw plant at \$150,000. Three hours after the fire started a falling wall at the screw works fell burying beneath it Lieut. Roth, of the fire company. His dead body was taken from the ruins badly crushed and burned. Seven hundred men are thrown out of employment.

**FATAL FIRE AT A BOARDING HOUSE.**  
Memphis, Tenn., March 25.—In a fire yesterday morning at Mrs. F. B. Nolen's boarding house, at 104 Court street, there was a property loss of not more than \$2,500, but four lives were lost and six people were more or less seriously injured. The dead are: Mrs. Lilly Chapin, 35 years old; Roy Chapin, ten years old; Chester Chapin, four years old, and Thomas Hull, 60 years old. Mrs. Nolen's boarding house was patronized by regular boarders as well as by roomers and transients. At the time of the fire there were 21 people in the house. The fire originated in the front room on the first floor of the building. A fire from the grate ignited the hanging curtains in the early part of the night, and a prompt response by the fire department succeeded in extinguishing the flames without damage. The guests retired at the usual hour.

**FOUR MORE BODIES FOUND.**  
New York, March 25.—Four more bodies were recovered from the ruins of the Windsor hotel yesterday. The record as it now stands is 23 dead, 40 or more missing and a large collection of small bones. The injured in hospitals and other places are recovering. Anxiety on the part of friends of persons who have been reported missing is increased to a certain amount that they perished in the fire. From the condition of the bodies so far recovered there is but little hope that they or any of the bodies that may be found hereafter can be identified.

**A DESTRUCTIVE PRAIRIE FIRE.**  
Maywood, Feb., March 25.—A bad prairie fire raged in this locality, the tall grass, which was dry, giving it a full sweep. Many stacks of unthreshed grain and hundreds of tons of hay were burned near here. Small farmers, it is feared, may be burned out. This town, which is poorly protected, was only saved by everyone turning out and beating back the flames.

## SHOWS A BIG INCREASE.

Reports of Income Accounts of 730 Railway Lines Give Gross Earnings of \$1,338,540,380.

Washington, March 25.—The preliminary report of the income accounts of railways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1898, reported to the Interstate commerce commission, was issued today. The report includes the return of 730 lines, with an aggregate mileage of 181,333 miles. The receipts for the year were: Passenger service, \$332,927,792; freight service, \$724,565,857; other earnings from operation, \$20,706,111; gross earnings, \$1,078,200,360; operating expenses, \$811,241,438; income from operation, \$266,958,922. The increase of gross earnings over previous year was \$105,161,583. Operating expenses increased \$37,710,994, and income, \$17,145,913. Gross earnings, per mile, increased \$708; operating expenses, \$308; and income, \$340. These are the largest figures reported since 1892 and the income account shows an increase of \$410 per mile over the report for 1894.

**Victory for the Newspaper.**  
Springfield, Mo., March 25.—In the libel suit of George Jones against the Daily Republican for \$5,000 the jury brought in a verdict for the defense after being out only ten minutes. The suit grew out of the publication of an article in the Republican concerning the arrest of Jones, who was charged with the murder of Charles Duffner in Dallas county. The trial was sensational and may result in the indictment of Jones for the murder.

**Victim of a Peculiar Accident.**  
Marysville, Mo., March 25.—Fred Colby, a farmer living near Bolckow, was the victim of a peculiar accident. He was cutting down a tree on his farm and in order to have it fall a certain direction had tied a rope to the top and guyed it to another tree. He then proceeded to chop it down. When it fell the rope caught him and threw him with such force against a stump that he died soon after.

**Top of His Head Blown Off.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., March 25.—Paul Beale, aged 15 years, son of prominent parents, killed himself at Hempel, Clinton county, by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. He was taking a few days' vacation from school and visited a relative in Clinton county for the purpose of taking a hunting trip. The top of his head was blown off.

**Fire at Gallatin, Mo.**  
Gallatin, Mo., March 25.—The row of seven two-story frame business buildings on the south side of the public square in Gallatin burned at one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Loss, about \$7,000.

## THE NEXT SENATE.

Republicans Will Have a Membership of Fifty-One, Exclusive of Quay—Opposition Will Number Thirty-Five.

Washington, March 25.—In three states the legislatures have adjourned without electing a senator to the Fifty-seventh congress. The first legislature to adjourn without action was Utah; next came Delaware and then California. Delaware and California each has a republican legislature, Utah an anti-republican, if not an outright democratic body—so that the republicans will lose two and the opposition one, a total difference of two on a partisan vote. In Pennsylvania the legislature is still in session trying to elect a successor to Senator Quay, but with strong prospects of adjourning without making a choice, practically leaving three republican and one democratic state but partly represented in the next congress.

The republicans will have a total membership in the Fifty-seventh congress of 51, exclusive of a senator from Pennsylvania, and not counting Stewart, Jones and Kyle, who will vote with the republicans on all questions except silver. The total opposition will number 35, which, with the vacant seats of states having made no choice, makes up the total of the 90 members of the upper chamber. This gives a republican majority of 16 over all, including Stewart, Jones and Kyle in the opposition, and 22 when they are included in the republican column. In Nebraska a republican succeeds a populist; in Montana a democrat succeeds a silver republican, and in Maryland, Wisconsin, New York, North Dakota, New Jersey, West Virginia and Indiana democrats go out and republicans take their seats.

## THE COUNTRY'S TRADE.

Wheat Prices See-Sawing Upwards—Iron Situation Nervous—Lumber Higher—The Week's Features.

New York, March 25.—Bradstreet's commercial report to-day says: Stormy weather retarding spring distribution in some sections has imparted an irregular appearance to general trade, while some few reductions in prices of leading staples, notably raw cotton and wool, copper, and some few other metals, serve to break the otherwise almost unvarying appearance of strength of staple values. The general commercial situation, however, continues to present much apparent strength and the few lines that note a quieter tone of business find ready substitutes among other branches, which as yet have been rather backward. These saw of wheat prices has been upward this week, theoretically on reports of crop damage at home and abroad, but largely owing to speculative overbidding during last week's depression, which by the way again developed some good foreign buying. The iron situation is still one of great strength, though the volume of business is considerably smaller than for some weeks past. The boot and shoe situation with jobbers is quite encouraging, hitherto dull, are firm, and the same is true of leather, while the current demand for the finished product keeps manufacturers busy. Lumber is feeling the stimulus of the approach of active building operations and white pine and spruce are higher at nearly all markets, with hard woods sympathizing and even outstripping these classes of material in their upward movement. Industrially the situation is satisfactory. While actual advance in wages are as yet confined to the cotton manufacturing and the iron and steel industries, the current of work in other lines is running full and the number of operatives who have found some advantage from the activity in all industrial lines totals easily 500,000. Business failures for the week number only 187, as against 335 last week, a drop of 23, and compared with 413 in this week a year ago, 221 in 1897, 276 in 1898 and 292 in 1899.

**A Spanish Organ's Gossip.**  
City of Mexico, March 25.—Correa Espanol, the organ of the Spanish colony, continues to insult the Americans in Cuba and says to-day: Civilization has disappeared from Cuba with the disappearance of the Spanish flag. No spectacle could be more repulsive. The American soldiers have converted the beautiful park there into a camp. There they eat, there they drink and there they wallow freely like hogs in a creek on a summer day. Oh, what a sad page to history of the human race is the United States writing in Cuba and the Philippines. What a step backward in the path of civilization has been taken by North America in letting loose its immoral and cynical soldiery on those unhappy countries.

**May Have Been "Frozen to Death."**  
Texarkana, Ark., March 25.—Details of the wholesale lynchings reported to have occurred in Little River county, Ark., are slow in coming in. Three more dead negroes have been found in Red river bottoms, near Rocky Comfort, Ark. A justice of the peace held an inquest over these bodies and a verdict was rendered by the jury declaring that the men "had come to their death from natural causes or were frozen to death."

**John Sherman Gradually Improving.**  
Santiago, Cuba, March 25.—Dr. Graft, of the Paris, who examined John Sherman after he was transferred to the Chicago, says both lungs are practically clear and that the patient is doing well. He praises the manner in which the transfer was conducted, under the direction of Chief Officer Beckwith, who did not leave until he saw Sherman comfortably installed in the captain's cabin.

**Suicide Because of Poor Health.**  
Harrisonville, Mo., March 25.—Charles W. Ewers, living near Peculiar, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. He was a farmer in comfortable circumstances, but he has been in failing health for some years. Despairing of ever being restored was doubtless the motive which led to Ewers' act.

**Killed by the Woman He Was Bothering.**  
Unionville, Mo., March 25.—Duke Ballard was shot and killed by Mrs. Fred Holden, at Lucerne, this county, last night. Ballard was drinking and bothering Mrs. Holden.

## NEWS NOTES.

E. L. Degarmo & Son, for 30 years in the mercantile business at Warrensburg, Mo., have failed.

Prof. R. B. McElhoney, for 50 years identified with the educational work of Missouri, died at Nevada.

Smallpox is reported at Mapleton, Kan. There is much excitement here over the matter and doctors have been sent from Fort Scott to treat patients and make investigation.

## MR. W'KINLEY'S TRIP

The President Leaves Thomasville, Ga., for Tallahassee, Ga.

## SECRETARY ALGER OFF FOR CUBA.

The Secretary of War Boards the Legals at Savannah, Ga.—Mr. McKinley's Reply to Admiral Sampson—John Sherman Able to Sit Up.

Thomasville, Ga., March 24.—President McKinley spent pretty much the whole of yesterday in the open air, as did Vice President Hobart. This outdoor life in a mild and dry climate is doing much to tone up the system of each, and yesterday they showed an improving state of health. The president's programme after breakfast is a seat in a rocking chair on the porch until time to dispatch a little business with Assistant Secretary Cortelyou. This is followed by a drive. Yesterday this took the form of a tally-ho party, the whip being Charles Chapin, Senator Hanna's nephew. President McKinley, wearing a black derby, instead of the accustomed high hat, occupied the box with him. Others of the party were the vice president, Mrs. Hobart, young Garret Hobart, Senator Hanna and Miss Hanna. After a light lunch at the house, a drive to the country club followed. Here the club, which is the recognized social institution of Thomasville, entertained the party and then the party drove around while, late in the afternoon finding them again at the front porch. Today the party leaves here for Tallahassee, Fla., where they hope to escape all elaborate functions and have so notified Gov. Bloxham. Monday probably will find the president started on his return journey to Washington, the vice president and Senator Hanna remaining here.

## SECRETARY ALGER OFF FOR CUBA.

Savannah, Ga., March 24.—Secretary of War Alger and party made quick connection here yesterday evening for Cuba. The party arrived over the Southern & Florida Central and Peninsular railroads in a special car at 4:30 o'clock and at 9:30 were on the way to Havana on the transport Ingalls. At the side of the transport Secretary Alger was seen by the Associated press representative. "There is nothing of interest that I can tell you," he said. "We are merely going on a little pleasure trip." From the secretary's private secretary it was learned that the party would leave the ship at Havana and take a trip across country and that the Ingalls would meet them and take them on again at Cienfuegos. The whole trip will occupy about three weeks.

**MR. W'KINLEY'S REPLY TO SAMPSON.**  
Washington, March 24.—Admiral Sampson has received from the president the following reply to his letter of March 9, 1899:

"My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your very cordial letter of the 9th inst. In which you express a desire that, without regard to your own interests, the other naval officers who rendered such conspicuous services in the naval campaign in the West Indies may have the advantage which you recommended for them, and in which you ask nothing for yourself. I highly commend this disinterested action on your part. Let me assure you that I have the highest appreciation of your services as commander-in-chief of the Atlantic naval forces during the Spanish war in blockading Cuba, co-operating with the army, directing the movements of the great number of vessels under your orders, and at last, after the most effective preparations, consummating with the gallant officers and men under your command, the destruction of the Spanish fleet. It was in recognition of your services and of your great skill that I recommended you to the senate for the advancement which you had earned. Yours very truly, WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

**JOHN SHERMAN ABLE TO SIT UP.**  
Santiago, March 24.—Mr. John Sherman was feeling very much better last evening and his physicians regard his condition as much improved. During a part of the afternoon he sat on the deck of the Paris, viewing Santiago. The United States cruiser Chicago is expected here to-day and Mr. Sherman will be immediately transferred to her. The anxiety of the relatives on the Paris is now virtually at an end. The party of tourists on board the Paris made the most of the day, visiting every accessible spot, crowding the battlefields, buying relics and even paying fabulous prices for machetes that have been shipped from the United States since the war.

**Swept Away by a Cyclone.**  
Nashville, Tenn., March 24.—The little town of Liberty, in DeKalb county, is almost wiped off the map. A furious cyclone swept over it Wednesday night, wrenching trees from their roots and felling houses in all directions. The Christian church, a handsome brick structure, was blown to pieces in the outset and people were panic-stricken. Damage to property in the storm's path is enormous, but no fatalities are reported.

**Rebels Concentrating.**  
Manila, March 24.—The belief that Aguinaldo's forces in the island of Luzon are preparing for a general attack on the American lines is gaining ground. The concentration of forces at Malabon, and the strengthening of the rebel positions around Malolos, convince the American officers that Aguinaldo intends to make a decisive effort. The rebels have destroyed a number of railroad bridges.

**Valuable Horse Put to Death.**  
Lexington, Ky., March 24.—The American thoroughbred stallion Hanover, 14 years old, was put to death today by chloroform. Gangrene of the left fore foot, the result of killing of the nerves in it while racing, rendered the destruction of the horse necessary. Milton Young declined offers of \$65,000 and \$75,000 for him.

**When Assembly to Quit.**  
Washington, March 24.—Advice from Cuba received by Senator Quesada, which he regards as trustworthy, are to the effect that the Cuban assembly will dissolve before the present week ends, probably on Saturday.

## FALLOON-STUART CASE.

The Clerk of Brown County Appears Before the Senate with the Poll Book and Tally Sheets.

Topeka, Kan., March 24.—In the hearing of the Falloon-Stuart contest election case yesterday the county clerk of Brown county appeared with poll book, tally sheets and ballots for that county of last November's election. Count was commenced and at ten o'clock last night, when the senate adjourned, the votes of 19 of the 25 precincts had been counted. No traces of fraud in the count were found. There were discrepancies occasionally on both sides, but nothing sufficient to show that the official count had been fraudulent.

The senate yesterday morning accepted the republican challenge to have the supreme court pass on the senate's right to try the contest case after the adjournment of the legislature.

## A LAST MOVE FOR COLLINS.

Attorneys for the Convicted Young Murderer File a Motion to Set Aside the Decision of Judge Hazen.

Topeka, Kan., March 24.—As a last move, apparently, in the Collins case, the attorneys for John Collins filed a motion yesterday to set aside the decision of Judge Hazen, denying a new trial, and to postpone the decision overruling the motion for a sufficient length of time to enable the defendant to file a bill of exceptions. If Judge Hazen sustains the motion, which it is believed he will not do, the sentence to be imposed on John Collins will be postponed for an indefinite period. If the motion is overruled it will also be a point gained by the defense, for when the time comes to apply for a pardon for John Collins it will claim that Collins was not allowed an appeal.

## Horror of Starvation in Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The newspapers of the city publish pitiable accounts of the condition of the so-called famine districts of Russia, especially Samara, in the eastern part of European Russia. The consumption of all kinds of garbage has produced an epidemic of terrible mortality, with typhus, scurvy and other pestilential diseases. The peasants are compelled to sell everything and are living in cold, damp and filthy cabins. Weakened by hunger, they fall ready victims to typhus and acute scurvy.

## Kansas Negro Soldiers Excited.

Kansas City, Kan., March 24.—A telephone message was received here yesterday from the commander of the Twenty-third Kansas regiment, negro volunteers, calling all members of the companies who are on furloughs to Leavenworth without delay. The impression among the negro soldiers is that they are again to be sent to Cuba, or possibly to the Philippines, and the news created great excitement among them.

## Proposition to Divide Cuba.

Washington, March 24.—While in Cuba Secretary Alger will set upon the proposition to divide Cuba into four military departments. This has been under consideration in the department for some time. If it is determined to do so, after consultation with Gen. Brooke, Secretary Alger will telegraph to Gen. Corbin to that effect and the necessary orders will be issued from Washington.

## Oklahoma Schools May Close.

Guthrie, Ok., March 24.—There is a possibility that the doors of the Oklahoma state educational institutions will have to close during the next two years and the "not open for want of funds" sign displayed. The future of the schools depends upon the decision of the courts regarding the question of the passage of Councillor Sidney Clarke's bill, No. 2, relating to the payment of warrants.

## The Stranded Oklahoma Negroes.

New York, March 24.—It is likely that the destitute negroes who arrived in Jersey City from Oklahoma a week ago, hoping to continue on the journey to Liberia, will settle in Jersey City, Long Island City and various parts of New York. One week of confinement in their cramped quarters has served completely to dispel their dreams of the African paradise.

## Women Registering in Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., March 24.—Over 8,000 persons have registered in this city. When the books close to-night the registration will be over 9,000. This is 4,000 more than the normal registration. Up till last night 3,000 women had registered, which is about four times more than the highest previous record.

## Women Want the Franchise.

Guthrie, Ok., March 24.—The women suffragists of Oklahoma are still anxious to be given the privileges of franchise and already have inaugurated a campaign to secure the passage of a bill at the next session of the assembly. They are greatly encouraged over the showing this year.

## A New Paper at Cherryvale, Kan.

Cherryvale, Kan., March 24.—Col. A. S. Dooley, an old newspaper man and poet of this city, has just published the first edition of a paper called the New Era. It is an independent, four page, six-column weekly.

## Wheat Crop in Kansas Not Damaged.

Wichita, Kan., March 24.—Syl Dixon, the Kansas "corn king," was here yesterday. He is one of the most expert crop judges in Kansas. He says the wheat in this state is comparatively uninjured.

## French Expedition Massacred by Tuareks.

Paris, March 24.—Reports reached here last night from Algiers of the massacre of another French expedition in the Sahara by the Tuareks, the most ferocious of all the fanatic Arab tribes which infest that vast desert.

## River Steamers Burned.

Columbus, Ga., March 24.—Three river steamers, the Owens, Flint and Ray City, were destroyed by fire yesterday, together with two barges. Loss, \$40,000; partially covered by insurance.

## A SAVAGE RACE WAR

Seven Negroes Strung Up by Infuriated Whites in Arkansas.

## OTHER BLACKS TO MEET A LIKE FATE

Murder and Theft by the Colored Population in Little River County, Ark.—Work Up the Whites—A Lynching Bee in Mississippi.

Texarkana, Ark., March 24.—A race war is on in Little River county and during the past 48 hours an indefinite number of negroes have met their death at the hands of an infuriated white population. Seven are known to have been lynched, shot to death or slain in some manner and the work is not yet done. The bodies of the victims of the mob's vengeance are hanging to the limbs of trees in various parts of the county, strung up wherever overtaken, while that of another who was shot to death while trying to escape was thrown into a creek and left there. The country is in a state of most intense excitement.

White men are collecting in mobs, heavily armed and determined; negroes are fleeing for their lives and the community is in an uproar. The exact number of negroes who have been summarily dealt with or those who may yet fall into the hands of the mob before order is restored may never be known. Seven bodies have been found and other victims are being hunted and will meet a similar fate when run to earth.

Little River county is in the extreme southwest corner of the state, bordered on the west by the Indian territory and on the south by Texas. The negro population is large and has for a long time proved very troublesome to the whites. Frequent murders have occurred and thefts and fights have become common affairs. One or two negroes have previously been severely dealt with when the people found it necessary to take the law into their own hands, but it was not until Tuesday that the trouble took on a very serious aspect. It then developed that carefully-laid plans had been made by a number of negroes to precipitate a race war and that many white men had been marked for victims. It is learned that 23 negroes were implicated in this plot, and the whites are now bent on dealing out summary punishment to the entire coterie of conspirators. Seven have been killed and the work of wiping out the entire list continues without relaxation of determination.

The trouble arose over the killing of James Stockton by Duckett. Just prior to the lynching of Duckett the negroes had planned the inauguration of a race war. Duckett was the leader, and at his death the negroes let the matter out and the citizens became greatly enraged. Another negro, named Joe King, remarked that Stockton should have been murdered sooner. He was taken to the woods and whipped, as was also John Johnson. Other negroes made threats, but nothing occurred until Wednesday, when the dead body of Goodwin was found hanging to a tree just across Red river from the Stockton farm in Bowie county, Tex.

Advices from New Boston, Tex., last night are to the effect that across the river several negroes have been lynched. Yesterday morning Benjamin Jones was found dead on Hurricane bend, and from New Boston it is learned that Joe King and Moses Jones were found hanging to trees at Horseshoe curve yesterday. Another Jones is missing. In the gang that was plotting for a race war were 23 negroes, and it is likely that the entire number have been strung up in the thickets. The negroes are fleeing from the district.

## A LYNCHING BEE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., March 24.—Three negroes were taken from an officer of the law and lynched by an armed mob near Silver City, in Yazoo county. After being shot to death the bodies of the victims were weighted with bundles of cotton bale ties and thrown into the Yazoo river. The negroes were Minor Wilson, C. C. Reed and Willis Boyd. They were the ringleaders of the negroes in a race encounter on the Midnight plantation early last week.

## Declines to Accept Freedom.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23.—Mrs. Augusta Schmidt, who is serving a ten-years' sentence in the Indiana women's prison, has been paroled by Gov. Mount and declines to accept her freedom. She is in the prison for the alleged murder of Oscar Walton, a Cass county farmer, in 1894, and says she will not leave the institution until the judge and jury which tried her acknowledge to Gov. Mount that she is innocent and that they were in error when they passed judgment on her.

## Bryan Will Attend the Banquet.

New York, March 23.—Eugene B. Brewster, chairman of the Chicago platform democratic dinner committee, received a telegram to-day from Col. William J. Bryan, in which he accepts the invitation to the dinner to be given in this city by the Chicago platform democracy.

## He Left a Deficit of \$1,000,000.

London, March 23.—G. R. Birt, former chairman and managing director of the Millwall Dock company, who was arrested March 18, after having disappeared in February last, leaving a deficit of over \$1,000,000 in the accounts of the company, was remanded for trial.

## Smokeless Powder Explosion.

Penn Grove, N. J., March 23.—Over 3,000 pounds of smokeless powder exploded at the E. J. Dupont powder works, instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly. The shock from the explosion shook the country for miles around and in this town heavy panes of glass were broken in many houses.

## THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN.

Washington Officials Say That Important Events Will Occur in the Islands in a Short Time.

Washington, March 24.—Officials of the war department say important events will occur in the Philippines within a week. Advices received from Gen. Otis and knowledge of the programme of the Philippine commissioners bear out this expectation. From now on the efforts of Gen. Otis will be redoubled in bringing the adherents of Aguinaldo to terms by force of arms and at the same time the commissioners will endeavor to convince the inhabitants of the islands that the United States, while it will suppress any armed uprising against its authority, is desirous of establishing a government that will provide for the largest measure of home rule consistent with the ability of the Filipinos to exercise it. It was the intention of the administration to have Gen. Otis follow up the announcement of the peace commission by an aggressive advance if the Filipinos did not come forward in obedience to the terms of the proclamation and acknowledge the authority of the United States. Gen. Otis is preparing for a general movement of that character. This is the campaign which, according to dispatches from Gen. Otis, is expected to terminate armed resistance to American authority within three weeks. The officials of the administration are hopeful that the proclamation of the commissioners will have a good effect in causing large numbers of the Filipinos to lay down their arms.

## A MURDERER'S STATEMENT.

John A. Moore, Who Killed His Five Children at Hutchinson, Kan., Claims He Did It in a "Bad Spell."

Hutchinson, Kan., March 24.—John A. Moore, who murdered his five children here last Monday morning, and then burned the house over them, was brought back from McPherson yesterday morning. There is still some danger of a lynching. Moore made a complete statement before a notary at the McPherson jail. He does not admit in terms that he killed his children, but he does not deny it, and tells a rambling story about "bad spells" that he has been subject to for some years. He says that one of these spells seized him on the night of the murder, of which he claims to have no recollection.

Moore was taken before a justice of the peace in the afternoon and waived his preliminary examination. He looks ten years older than he did the morning after the murder, and his former indifference is gone. He was brought from the jail and returned without being handcuffed. He is now in great fear of violence.

## MILES BEING BOOMED.

Speculation on the Possibility of the General Being a Candidate for the Presidency.

Washington, March 24.—The public appearance of Gen. Nelson A. Miles in Massachusetts, where he is enjoying the honor of numerous receptions, has started speculation on the possibility of Miles as a candidate for the presidency. Miles, it is said, as the champion of the soldiers, zealous for their welfare and safety, can be made a hero who has been ignored by the administration and punished for his protest against the treatment of the enlisted men who fought under every disadvantage in the tropics. The newspapers which have been making such an outcry against Alger and embalmed beef, will, it is argued, join readily in putting Miles' name at the head of their columns. Indeed, it is asserted that the beef controversy has had no other object than to make Miles a central figure, who can command the votes, not only of soldiers and their friends, but of farmers and laboring men, naturally prejudiced against the big western beef combinations.

## For a New Lincoln Monument.

Springfield, Ill., March 24.—The Lincoln monument, which now stands just north of Springfield within the inclosure of Oak Ridge cemetery, may be torn down and a new one erected on another site. It is in a state of decay, and a bill was introduced in the house yesterday proposing the erection of a new monument in the central part of the city, at a cost of \$500,000. The legislator who introduced the bill said the present monument was "inadequate as a memorial to the greatest American."

## A Mother's Crime.

La Grange, Ind., March 24.—Mrs. Molter, near this city, caused the death of two of her children last night by administering morphine. She attempted to commit suicide, but failed. She wrote a note to her husband saying she had given the drug to her children and had taken it herself. It is said that she feared that her husband was becoming insane and for that reason she wanted to go to her eternal rest and take the children with her. The family relations were pleasant.

## Archbishop Hennessy Stricken.

Dubuque, Ia., March 24.—Archbishop Hennessy is seriously ill at the archiepiscopal residence here. He was suddenly stricken after dinner Wednesday, but his condition was not considered serious until yesterday. His speech is affected, leading to the assumption that he is suffering from paralysis. It is also feared his brain is affected.

## The Oldest W. R. C. Member Dead.

Milford Center, O., March 24.—"Aunt Katy" Snodgrass died yesterday of the grip, aged 103 years. She was the oldest woman in the Woman's Relief corps in the United States. The deceased was a noted character in this part of the state.

A Chicago financial bureau says that the baking powder trust has been completed, and that the \$20,000,000 capital stock was subscribed twice over.